

DOR Project Team - Program Reform Project
Proposed Focus Groups and Workshop Schedule
As of August 21, 2012

Week of September 10: One 3-Hour Meeting

Ensure Integrity of Program Payments Paid In / Out

Topic: Strengthening requirements for becoming a certified entity in the program

1. Require certified entities to post a security bond to protect Fund from fraudulent and/or unsubstantiated claims for reimbursement or payment of program funds.
2. All certified entities must have a valid business license and all local agency permits in place at all times in order to maintain certification
3. Establish criteria for geographical density of certified recycling centers

Topic: Strengthening program enforcement and compliance efforts

1. Establish CalRecycle authority to issue NOVs for underpaying and/or non-reporting distributors and beverage manufacturers
2. Eliminate ability for one Distributor and/or Beverage Manufacturer to report and pay CRV and/or processing fees 'on behalf of' of another distributor and/or beverage manufacturer
3. Increase interest assessment percentage for underpayment & late payment of CRV and/or processing fees
4. Assess fees to recover costs associated with processing certification and registration applications and processing hardcopy reporting forms

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Week of September 17th – Two 3 hour meetings

Modernize Program Operations

Topic: Convenience Zone & Handling Fee Structure

1. Re-establish an annual cap on Total HFs Paid to all RCs
2. Re-establish a monthly cap on HFs per site
3. Amend definition of 'Supermarket' from \$2M to \$6M (for example)
4. Expand CZ from ½ mile to 1 mile (for example)
5. Allow RC to locate anywhere in CZ

Week of September 24: Two 3-Hour Meetings

Improve Cash Flow / Reduce Payables

Topic: Establish criteria for distribution of unspent Fund balance / Reduce 14581 payments

1. Percentage of available Surplus Funds Appropriated via Annual Budget Process
2. Prioritize 14581 payments based upon program performance goals
3. Performance based funding using volumes of beverage containers collected/recycled
4. Reduce all or select 14581 payments
5. Make surplus CRV to the local jurisdictions based upon per capita or other demographics, or volumes redeemed to be used for recycling related purposes.
6. Pay surplus CRV back to the consumers via a bonus payment/program/CRV reduction, etc.

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Week of October 1: Two 3-Hour Meetings

Modernize Program Operations

Topic: Processing Fee & Processing Payment Structure

1. Eliminate processing fee offset from CBCRF
2. Reduce amount of the processing fee offset from CBCRF
 - a) Tie PF to minimum content
 - b) Tie PF offset to current recycling rate, by material type
 - c) Eliminate sliding scale for determining the PF rate

Topic: Redemption Fee Payment Structure

1. Shift responsibility for paying redemption payments to dealers
2. Pay \$0.10 CRV on all beverages deemed 'IN' regardless of container size
3. Keep Redemption Payment at \$0.05 and \$0.10, but decrease CRV paid out (less administrative fees paid)

Topic: Administrative Fee Payment Structure

1. Reduce the current administrative percentage DS participants are allowed to deduct from their CRV payment

Week of October 8: NO FOCUS GROUP WORKSHOPS

Week of October 15: Two 3-Hour Meetings

Topic: Calculation & Application of Commingled Rates

1. Develop definition of commingled rate paid by recycling centers to consumers
2. Pay segregated refund value only
3. Abolish the ICRS program
4. Pay program participants based upon results of their ICR survey

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Topic: Refund Value Payment Structure

1. CRV payments at commingled rate only for all loads redeemed by weight.
2. Allow CRV by count for up to 200 containers (as an example)
3. Conduct study of the allowable % reduction taken & shrinkage adjustment
 - a) Reduce the allowable % reduction taken
 - b) Eliminate the allowable % reduction taken
 - c) Increase the allowable % reduction taken

Week of October 22: Two 3-Hour Meetings

Improve Cash Flow / Reduce Payables

Topic: Reduce costs associated with CalRecycle administration of the CBCRP

1. Shift responsibility for paying redemption payments to dealers
2. Eliminate paper report processing

Week of October 29: Two 3-Hour Meetings

Improve Cash Flow / Increase Revenue

Topic: Add new beverages types

1. Wine & Distilled Spirits
2. Milk
3. In general, if beverage type is not specifically excluded from PRC definition of 'Beverage', then define beverage type is 'IN' in program
4. Include non-beverage products, of the same material type, in the program

Topic: Add new material types

1. In general, container type would drive inclusion in the program/subject to CRV

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Week of November 5: TBD / As Needed

Week of November 12: TBD / As Needed

Week of November 20: TBD / As Needed

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